

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

laying down the number of licences to be issued to
vessels flying the flag of Canada fishing within the
200-mile fishing zones of the Member States off the
West Greenland coast

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Council adopted at its meeting of 24/25 July 1978 Regulation (EEC) No. 1851/78 laying down certain conservation measures applicable to vessels flying the flag of Canada in Community waters off the west coast of Greenland. Under this Regulation, the number of licences to be issued to Canadian fishing vessels was left open, pending consultations with the Canadian authorities.

These consultations have now taken place, and the Commission now proposes that six licences be issued to Canadian vessels wishing to fish in the waters concerned.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1851/78 of 25 July 1978 laying down certain conservation and management measures for common fishery resources off the West Greenland coast applicable in 1978 to vessels flying the flag of Canada⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3 paragraph 2 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas under Regulation (EEC) No. 1851/78, fishing by Canadian vessels in the waters concerned was made subject to licence, the total number of licences to be fixed at a later date by the Council after consultations with the Canadian authorities ;

Whereas these consultations have now taken place, and it is therefore necessary for the Community to fix the appropriate number in order that fishing may begin as soon as possible ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1851/78, six licences valid for the period up to 31 December 1978 may be issued by the Commission to vessels flying the flag of Canada.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

FOR THE COUNCIL,
The President

TIMETABLE ANNEX

1) Nature of the timetable

Obligatory deadline resulting from Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1851/78 of 25.7.78.

2) Reasons for deadline

The Regulation referred to above lays down that fishing licenses must be on board Canadian vessels with effect from six weeks after the entry into force of the Regulation, that is, before 5 September 1978. The Council must therefore take a decision on the basis of this proposal at the beginning of September.

3) Consultation of the European Parliament : not necessary.

